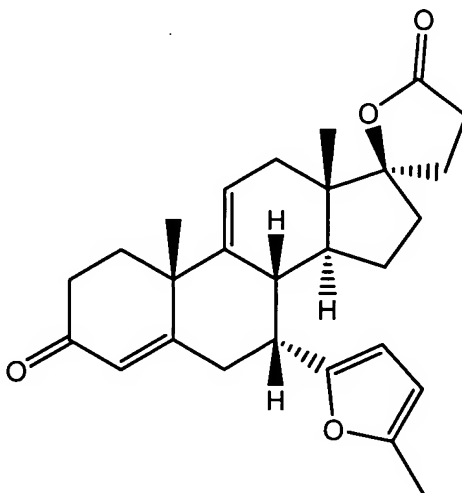


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

13. (currently amended) ~~17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II)~~ a compound of the formula



in crystalline form having a powder X-ray diffraction spectrum with a peak at about 14.2 ± 0.2 degrees two theta.

14. (currently amended) ~~17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II)~~ The compound according to claim 13 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with peaks at about 10.6 ± 0.2 , about 14.2 ± 0.2 , and about 17.8 ± 0.2 degrees two theta.

15. (currently amended) ~~17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II)~~ The compound according to claim 14 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern spectrum of

Two-Theta Angle (°) with a range of

<u>From about</u>	<u>To about</u>
6.46	6.59
10.46	10.70
11.48	11.70
12.55	12.79
14.19	14.36
15.06	15.30
16.10	16.65
16.55	16.74
17.79	18.01
18.25	18.46
19.46	19.70
20.06	20.30
20.86	21.25
21.60	21.80
23.14	23.35
24.74	24.95
25.15	25.96
25.85	26.05
27.35	27.55
28.26	28.90
28.75	28.85
29.91	30.14
30.90	31.10
31.86	32.05
32.59	32.79
33.14	33.89
33.63	34.00
34.27	34.49

35.52	35.75
36.06	36.30
37.02	37.21
37.74	37.91
38.42	38.64
39.35	39.39

where

Two-Theta Angle is measured in degrees.

16. (currently amended) ~~17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II)~~ The compound according to claim 14 having an average powder X-ray diffraction spectrum of about:

Two-Theta Angle (°) average

6.53
10.59
11.58
12.68
14.28
15.18
16.35
16.64
17.90
18.38
19.58
20.17
21.05
21.71
23.25
24.82
25.32

25.95
27.45
28.44
28.80
30.01
31.00
31.97
32.69
33.32
33.80
34.37
35.65
36.17
37.12
37.83
38.53
39.37

17. (currently amended) ~~17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II)~~ The compound according to claim 14 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern spectrum of:

Two-Theta Angle (°) and Relative Intensity (%) with ranges of

<u>Two-Theta Angle (°)</u>		<u>Relative Intensity (%)</u>	
<u>From about</u>	<u>To about</u>	<u>From about</u>	<u>To about</u>
6.46	6.59	1.0	1.6
10.46	10.70	10.7	58.3
11.48	11.70	11.7	20.8
12.55	12.79	2.2	4.2
14.19	14.36	14.4	100.0
15.06	15.30	15.3	29.5

16.10	16.65	7.2	50.3
16.55	16.74	16.7	66.4
17.79	18.01	18.0	100.0
18.25	18.46	18.5	34.5
19.46	19.70	6.1	12.6
20.06	20.30	19.5	28.1
20.86	21.25	16.1	36.3
21.60	21.80	10.8	20.0
23.14	23.35	23.3	48.0
24.74	24.95	11.5	19.0
25.15	25.96	4.4	30.3
25.85	26.05	12.1	31.2
27.35	27.55	9.5	22.7
28.26	28.90	2.1	6.2
28.75	28.85	6.6	11.1
29.91	30.14	1.9	3.5
30.90	31.30	5.6	10.4
31.86	32.05	1.2	3.7
32.59	32.79	0.9	2.3
33.14	33.89	1.6	4.5
33.63	34.00	1.1	4.9
34.27	34.49	1.4	2.2
35.52	35.75	1.3	3.9
36.06	36.30	7.9	27.0
37.02	37.21	3.9	6.2
37.74	37.91	1.0	2.2
38.42	38.64	1.2	2.9
39.35	39.39	1.6	1.8

where

Two-Theta Angle is measured in degrees and

Relative Intensity is the intensity percentage of each peak relative to the strongest peak.

18. (currently amended) ~~17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II)~~ The compound according to claim 14 having an average X-ray powder diffraction pattern spectrum of about and an average Relative Intensity of about:

<u>Two-Theta Angle (°) average</u>	<u>Relative Intensity (%) average</u>
6.53	1.3
10.59	40.9
11.58	15.9
12.68	2.9
14.28	98.2
15.18	26.1
16.35	18.7
16.64	40.3
17.90	62.9
18.38	27.7
19.58	9.4
20.17	23.8
21.05	25.1
21.71	15.6
23.25	36.4
24.82	13.5
25.32	8.4
25.95	23.1
27.45	17.0
28.44	3.8
28.80	8.5
30.01	2.5

31.00	7.9
31.97	2.5
32.69	1.7
33.32	3.4
33.80	2.7
34.37	1.7
35.65	2.5
36.1	15.3
37.12	4.8
37.83	1.6
38.53	2.3
39.37	1.7

19. (currently amended) ~~17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II)~~ The compound according to claim 14 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern spectrum of:

<u>Two-Theta Angle (°)</u>		<u>d-spacing (Å)</u>		<u>Relative Intensity (%)</u>	
<u>From About</u>	<u>To About</u>	<u>From About</u>	<u>To About</u>	<u>From About</u>	<u>To About</u>
6.46	6.59	13.39	13.66	1.0	1.6
10.46	10.70	8.26	8.45	10.7	58.3
11.48	11.70	7.56	7.70	11.7	20.8
12.55	12.79	6.92	7.05	2.2	4.2
14.19	14.36	6.16	6.24	14.4	100.0
15.06	15.30	5.79	5.88	15.3	29.5
16.10	16.65	5.32	5.50	7.2	50.3
16.55	16.74	5.29	5.35	16.7	66.4
17.79	18.01	4.92	4.98	18.0	100.0
18.25	18.46	4.80	4.86	18.5	34.5
19.46	19.70	4.50	4.56	6.1	12.6
20.06	20.30	4.37	4.42	19.5	28.1

20.86	21.25	4.18	4.26	16.1	36.3
21.60	21.80	4.07	4.11	10.8	20.0
23.14	23.35	3.81	3.84	23.3	48.0
24.74	24.95	3.57	3.60	11.5	19.0
25.15	25.96	3.43	3.54	4.4	30.3
25.85	26.05	3.42	3.44	12.1	31.2
27.35	27.55	3.24	3.26	9.5	22.7
28.26	28.90	3.09	3.16	2.1	6.2
28.75	28.85	3.09	3.10	6.6	11.1
29.91	30.14	2.96	2.98	1.9	3.5
30.90	31.10	2.87	2.89	5.6	10.4
31.86	32.05	2.79	2.81	1.2	3.7
32.59	32.79	2.73	2.75	0.9	2.3
33.14	33.89	2.64	2.70	1.6	4.5
33.63	34.00	2.63	2.66	1.1	4.9
34.27	34.49	2.60	2.61	1.4	2.2
35.52	35.75	2.51	2.53	1.3	3.9
36.06	36.30	2.47	2.49	7.9	27.0
37.02	37.21	2.41	2.43	3.9	6.2
37.74	37.91	2.37	2.38	1.0	2.2
38.42	38.64	2.33	2.34	1.2	2.9
39.35	39.39	2.29	2.29	1.6	1.8

where

Two-Theta Angle is measured in degrees,

d-Spacing is measured in angstroms, and

Relative Intensity is the intensity percentage of each peak relative to the strongest peak.

20. (currently amended) ~~17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II)~~ The compound according to claim 14 having a

average powder X-ray diffraction pattern spectrum of about, an average d-Spacing of about and an average Relative Intensity of about:

<u>Two-Theta Angle</u> (°) average	<u>d-spacing</u> (Å) average	<u>Relative Intensity</u> (%) average
6.53	13.52	1.3
10.59	8.35	40.9
11.58	7.63	15.9
12.68	6.98	2.9
14.28	6.20	98.2
15.18	5.83	26.1
16.35	5.42	18.7
16.64	5.32	40.3
17.90	4.95	62.9
18.38	4.82	27.7
19.58	4.53	9.4
20.17	4.40	23.8
21.05	4.22	25.1
21.71	4.09	15.6
23.25	3.82	36.4
24.82	3.58	13.5
25.32	3.51	8.4
25.95	3.43	23.1
27.45	3.25	17.0
28.44	3.14	3.8
28.80	3.10	8.5
30.01	2.98	2.5
31.00	2.88	7.9
31.97	2.80	2.5
32.69	2.74	1.7
33.32	2.69	3.4

33.80	2.65	2.7
34.37	2.61	1.7
35.65	2.52	2.5
36.1	2.48	15.3
37.12	2.42	4.8
37.83	2.38	1.6
38.53	2.33	2.3
39.37	2.29	1.7